

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of this application. Claims 1, 15-18, 21-23 and 26-27 have been rejected subject to a new ground of rejection. Claim 19 is allowed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13, 15-18, 20-23, and 26-27 have been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been amended. Claim 19 is pending after entry of the present amendment. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claim defines allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks submitted in support thereof.

Discussion of Rejection of Claims 1, 15-18, 21-23 and 26-27

under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In Section 6 of the Examiner's Answer, Claims 1, 15-18, 21-23 and 26-27 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has canceled, without prejudice, Claims 1, 3, 15-18, 21-23 and 26-27.

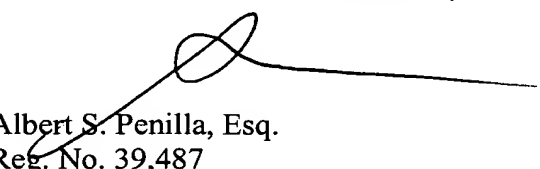
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claim 19 is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge

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Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NAPSP277). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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